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SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR SCALI'S INITIAL MEETING WITH SAUDI ARABIAN
AMBASSADOR BAROODY ON KHMER, DESIGNED TO SECURE SAUDI VOTE AND
BAROODY'S HELP WITH GULF STATES, SEEMS TO HAVE GONE WELL. BAROODY
PROMISED TO SUPPORT RESOLUTION AND TO LOBBY GULF STATE DELEGA-
TIONS. HOWEVER, SITUATION INTRINSICALLY DIFFICULT AND UNPREDICT-
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ABLE, AND WE AND ALLIES MUST MONITOR CAREFULLY. END SUMMARY.

1. WE HAVE HELD OFF ON DIRECT APPROACHES HERE TO GULF STATE DELEGATIONS BECAUSE WE HAVE BELIEVED THAT SAUDI ARABIAN AMBASSADOR BAROODY WOULD, IN ANY EVENT, BE CRUCIAL ELEMENT IN GULF STATES' VOTES. WE HAVE WANTED FIRST TO LAY GROUNDWORK CAREFULLY WITH HIM, TO GO AS FAR AS WE COULD TOWARD BRINGING BAROODY UNDER CONTROL.

2. AMBASSADOR SCALI TOOK THE INITIATIVE TO MEET PRIVATELY WITH BAROODY FOR THIS PURPOSE OCTOBER 18. MEETING WAS CALCULATED TO ACHIEVE FOUR BASIC PURPOSES: (A) TO SECURE BAROODY'S COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT ASEAN DRAFT; (B) TO ENCOURAGE HIM TO USE HIS INFLUENCE WITH LOWER GULF STATES; (C) TO ESTABLISH ATMOSPHERE FOR FUTURE COOPERATION BETWEEN SCALI AND BAROODY ON THIS ISSUE; (D) TO MINIMIZE THREAT ALWAYS POSED BY BAROODY'S COM-PULSION TOWARD NEW RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS.

3. BAROODY APPARENTLY WAS QUITE RECEPTIVE TO SCALI'S APPROACH. HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE SUPPORTS FRIENDLY RESOLUTION, SAYING THAT HE THOUGHT IT "A GOOD RESOLUTION." BAROODY ALSO AGREED TO WORK HERE ON RESOLUTION'S BEHALF, AND TO BRING AS MANY GULF STATES ABOARD AS POSSIBLE.

4. BAROODY TOLD SCALI THAT HE WILL HAVE AMENDMENT TO FRIENDLY RESOLUTION "READY TO GO" BUT HE PROMISED THAT HE WOULD NOT TAKE ANY INITIATIVE ON IT AT THIS STAGE.

5. IN THE MEETING, SCALI TOLD BAROODY THAT HE WAS UNDER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTION FROM THE SECRETARY TO WORK DIRECTLY WITH HIM. SCALI REFERRED TO SECRETARY'S JIDDA VISIT AND TO HIS TALKS WITH THE KING AND OTHERS THERE, AND TOLD BAROODY THAT THE SECRETARY AND OUR EMBASSY IN JIDDA HAD BEEN EXTREMELY PLEASED WITH FULL COMMITMENT THAT JIDDA HAD GIVEN ON KHMER ISSUE. SCALI DID NOT SPECIFICALLY ASK IF BAROODY HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS.

6. SCALI TOLD BAROODY THAT OUT OF DEFERENCE FOR BAROODY'S POTENTIALLY CRUCIAL ROLE ON KHMER ISSUE, USUN HAD BEEN MOST CAREFUL TO AVOID PREEMPTING BAROODY'S WORK ON KHMER WITH GULF STATE DELEGATIONS, IN KNOWLEDGE THAT BAROODY'S VAST EX-CONFIDENTIAL

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PERIENCE AND PRESTIGE--AND HIS SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GULF STATES--WOULD ULTIMATELY BE MORE HELPFUL THAN LOBBYING BY USUN.

7. SCALI EMPHASIZED THAT FRIENDLY RESOLUTION WAS ASEAN PRODUCT AND NOT PRODUCT OF USG, AND THAT WE WERE MOST SENSITIVE TO IMPORTANCE OF AVOIDING CREATING IMPRESSION IN NEW YORK THAT ASEAN EFFORT WAS US CRUSADE. HE MADE CLEAR TO BAROODY AT SAME

TIME THAT USG ATTACHED GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO KHMER ISSUE AND WOULD GIVE MAXIMUM SUPPORT IN CAPITALS AND, DISCREETLY, HERE.

8. SCALI SAID HE WISHED TO CONTINUE CONSULTING VERY CLOSELY WITH BAROODY AND TO MAINTAIN CONFIDENTIALITY OF THIS BILATERAL CONTACT.

9. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE WE HAVE MADE GOOD START WITH BAROODY, ALTHOUGH WE CAN NEVER BE CERTAIN WHAT IS IN BAROODY'S MIND OR WHAT HE MAY DO AT ANY POINT. WE INTEND TO HONOR COMMITMENT TO BAROODY THAT USUN WILL NOT LOBBY LOWER GULF STATES ON KHMER ISSUE WITHOUT FURTHER CONSULTATION WITH HIM. BUT WE DO INTEND TO MAINTAIN WORKING-LEVEL CONTACTS WITH THOSE DELEGATIONS AND TO ENSURE THAT ASIANS AND OTHERS DISCUSS KHMER WITH THEM. SCALI ALSO PLANS BEFORE END OF WEEK TO ASK BAROODY WHAT PROGRESS HE HAS MADE WITH GULF STATES. AT THE-SAME TIME, SCALI WILL ALSO INQUIRE IF BAROODY HAS RECEIVED DIRECT WORD OF JIDDA'S COMMITMENT TO THE SECRETARY. WE WILL REPORT STATUS OF GULF STATES' POSITIONS AS SOON AS WE LEARN THEM, BUT, PURSUANT TO ABOVE, WE WILL WANT TO AVOID DIRECT APPROACHES AT THIS STAGE. END COMMENT.

SCALI

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